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Attorney's Docket No. 003764P002

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:)
Pinaki Ray) Art Unit: 3763
Serial No.: 09/475,768) Examiner: Serke, Catherine
Filed: December 30, 1999)
For: **CONDUIT SYSTEM FOR**
ISOLATION OF FLUIDS IN
BIOLOGICAL TISSUES)
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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In response to the final Office Action mailed August 27, 2002, Applicant
respectfully requests consideration of the remarks which follow.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

48. (Amended) A system comprising:
a delivery conduit positioned adjacent to or into an upstream channel of a
biological mass;
a separate collection conduit positioned adjacent to or into a downstream
channel of the biological mass, the separate collection conduit comprising a collection
seal for occluding external fluid flow; and



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		Examiner Name	Catherine Serke
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Large Entity		Small Entity		FeePaid
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101	740	201	370	Utility filing fee
106	330	206	165	Design filing fee
107	510	207	255	Plant filing fee
108	740	208	370	Reissue filing fee
114	160	214	80	Provisional filing fee
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	FeePaid
22	22 ⁺	= 0	X 18.00 = \$0.00
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Large Entity

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description
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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple Dependent claim, if not paid
109	84	209	42	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath			
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet			
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification			
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination			
112	920 *	112	920 *	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action			
113	1,840 *	113	1,840 *	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action			
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month			
116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month			
117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within third month			
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month			
128	1,960	228	980	Extension for reply within fifth month			
119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal			
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal			
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing			
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding			
140	110	240 *	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable			
141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive - unintentional			
142	1,280	242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)			
143	460	243	230	Design issue fee			
144	620	244	310	Plant issue fee			
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner			
123	50	123	50	Prospecting fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)			
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt			
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)			
146	740	246	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))			
149	740	249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))			
179	740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)			
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